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EVENT AND COMMENT.

Babcock has been indicted for con-
spiring to ruin Columbus Alexander
by hiring Harrington, Whitley, Net-
teship, Somerville, Miles and Brown
to blow open the safe of the District
Attorney. Nothing but the pure
paint of virtue can cleanse the name
of Babcock. Good-bye boy; your
master next.

The President has signed the Silver
bill, and the fractional currency will
be redeemed in Silver as rapidly now
as presented.

The Northern railroad has made
their schedule of rates for fare to the
Centennial and return. They allow a
discount of twenty-five per cent,
and no more. This does not please
the Northern people.

Don Pedro, the Emperor of Brazil,
together with the Empress, has ar-
rived at New York, where, on his first
carriage ride, he was run into by an
ice wagon. On his start from home he
came near being run into by an in-
coming steamer.

Postmaster Fitzhugh, of the House
of Reps., says the rumor that he has
served a term in some penitentiary is
a lie, and he says ex-Gov. H. S. Foote
has known him from infancy. Well—
well—that is a small matter to be so
charged by radicals, who are now
having daily proof that most of their
officers ought to be now serving out
terms in the national prison.

The Supreme Court has decided that
Alexandria does belong to Virginia,
that the act of retrocession is valid.—
We bet that the next time Washing-
ton bags Alexandria she will tie the
mouth of the sack.

It would seem that the Peytons
think their five-story mansard-roof
hotel at the Greenbrier White is a
bigger thing than the Centennial. It
is to be opened by the 15th of May.

"Everybody" says the wheat crop
promises well, but let Ceres look out;
there are witches on the way.

Southern Democrats are killing of
Gen. Hancock, who northern Demo-
crats are killing of Blaine. The former
obeyed orders and hung Mrs. Barratt.
The latter has \$24,000 he cannot ac-
count for. Got along with Oakes Ames.

The Richmond Dispatch says al-
ready enough of the stock has been
taken in the Buchanan & Clifton
Forge R.R., to insure the success of
the enterprise and that engineers will
in three or four days commence lay-
ing the line. Then the convicts will
go to work on it.

The unveiling of the Lincoln
Statue in Washington, last Thurs-
day was an event wholly with the
President and the colored people.
A colored woman of New York,
recited the poem. A colored man,
Fred Douglass, was the orator, and
Grant pulled the rope that let the
curtain drop.

The statue is twelve feet high,
and was paid for by a seventeen
thousand dollar subscription by the
colored people. Congress paid
three thousand dollars for the pos-
t-dental and admitted the statue free
of duty, a courtesy it refused to
the daughter of the Democratic
general of the army, in the matter
of the Egyptian Jewels. The statue
represents Lincoln with the procla-
mation of emancipation in his left
hand and with his right extended
over a kneeling slave, who has just
been unchained.

In all honesty we think it about
due to decency that these exhibitions
had ceased. The object and aim
of them is to hold the Southern
people up to posterity as the authors
and sole apologists of slavery and
the people of the Northern States
as the peculiar and willing authors
of emancipation. History will re-
cord differently. The North was
willing to bargain for the eternal
continuance of slavery, and it was
by the South alone determined to
risk the issue in the field rather
than bargain dishonorably that the
North should rivet the chains upon
the negro.

All such movements are a lie
and a libel on the South, at whose
expense alone all this great charity
came about. And when the late
slave owners shall have educated,
at their own expense, these very
slaves emancipated at their expense,
the negro himself will be ashamed
that he was duped into becoming
a party to them.

OUR EXCHANGES.

NEWBORN PEOPLE.—Speaking of
Mr. Tate, son of the late Charles C.
Tate, who while deranged recently,
shot himself with a pistol, the People
says:

Condition of Mr. Tate.
The indications are that Mr. Tate
will recover. There is little change in

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his condition however, He has re-
mained nearly in the same condition
since he was shot. It is certainly one
of the most remarkable cases on record.
The ball entered the centre of the fore-
head about an inch above the base
of the brain at the root of the nose.—
There is no doubt but that the ball
touched the brain. The inside of the
skull next to the brain was shattered,
like a plank when a ball passes
through it, and Dr. Bramblett took
from the brain two or three pieces of
the bone. The ball has not been
found. Mr. Tate has never for a mo-
ment been out of his head, remaining
perfectly rational and conversing
freely to any and all who call upon
him.

Newbern had a two inch snow last
Tuesday morning.
MARION HERALD.—Gov. McMul-
lin issues a circular and proposes to
submit to a convention properly or-
ganized and constituted. He counsels
harmony.
Circuit Court was postponed on ac-
count of illness in Judge Kelley's
family.
The Holston Woolen Mills employ
25 hands and run 12 looms.

WYTHEVILLE ENTERPRISE.—Jam-
ie Barrett, "the last lark," recently
walked sixteen miles in four hours
"and never looked behind him." Rea-
son a thunder cloud was chasing Ja-
mie, who is 97 years of age and didn't
wish to "kitch come."
Six negroes have been sentenced to
five year terms in the penitentiary for
breaking into Crockett's hotel.

GERMANY INTELLIGENCER.—
John Q. A. Remine, a native of this
(W. Co., Va.), county is out as a re-
publican candidate for Senator. On
the 27th of June "our friends, the
enemy," will meet at Rogersville to
nominate two men to be beaten, one
for Congress and one for Circuit
Judge.

(Washington special to the Chicago Times.)
BLAINE'S SILENCE.

The scandal accumulating daily
and a Refutation Demand-
ed—Some More Light on
Curious Loan.

While the present effect of the Mor-
ton expose of Blaine's alleged crooked
transactions with the Union Pacific
railroad seems to have rebounded whol-
ly in Blaine's interest, there are rumors
of a purpose on the part of those who
gave publicity to Harrison's story to
follow it up by corroborative testimony.
The immediate work intended by the
scandal has not resulted in Morton's
interest, as the result of the Virginia
and North Carolina conventions prove.
Blaine's friends claim the entire Vir-
ginia delegation and profess confi-
dence in retaining a majority of that
of South Carolina in the convention.
As an investigation, Blaine is un-
willing to trust himself in the hands
of a Democratic committee, whose
only object would be to roast him until
after the Cincinnati Convention. To
all the charges he declares himself
able to oppose a solid front of denial.
This attitude has rather dampened
the ardor of some of his friends, who
were eager to have an instant investi-
gation that the charges might be refuted,
and the whole story brought to
light from beginning to end. The As-
sociated Press, does not cover the
whole handiwork of that gentleman
in the scandal. After his Cincinnati
consultation about the 64,000 affair,
Medill wrote to Blaine asking if there
was any truth in the story. There is
every reason to believe that the letter
published on yesterday by Blaine was
in response to Medill's letter of in-
quiry, but after writing to Blaine,
Medill became possessed of still further
particulars in the affair and wrote
again demanding an explicit denial
with such documentary refutation as
could be produced before the country.
To this request Blaine seems to have
made no response.

Medill has been, it is said, convinced,
that something is wrong, and Blaine
an unsafe man for the party to touch.
It is very evident that Blaine cannot
persist in the policy of silence, as the
scandal crops out in other directions.
Six weeks ago the whole story was
discussed in the Langham Hotel in
London. A gentleman just arrived
declared that he heard the whole scandal
discussed. It was asserted in the
group that a prominent Democrat
held in his possession most positive
evidence of Blaine's having received
money to aid some railroad legislation,
and that the evidence was to be held
back until Blaine was brought forward
as a Presidential candidate. The pub-
lication in Indiana the other day is re-
garded now as a mere outcropping of
this story, full particulars of which
are held in reserve to be sprung when
it will ruin his party, as well as
Blaine himself.

UNDER the existing laws, the silver
mines are authorized to deposit bullion
at the United States mints and have it
coined for private purposes. The mints
at Carson and San Francisco have late-
ly been running to their full capacity
for the bonanza kings in the manu-
facture of trade dollars to the amount
of \$20,000 a day, that proving about
the most profitable form in which to
market this prolific product of the
Pacific coast. On Thursday last the
Secretary of the Treasury issued an
order to the mints confining their
work for the future to the coining of
subsidiary coin of the regular value
such as can be used in silver resump-
tion. If the bonanza kings choose to
market their silver at home in this
shape, we will have a heavy silver in-
flation supplementary to the Treasury
redemption of fractional paper. What
say the hard money men to such ex-
pansion without cost or expense to
Government or people?—*Nashville
American.*

From the Kingston Spectator.
MAUD OF SHENANDOAH.

BY WILLIAM TENNYSON HEATON.
We have met, and we have loved,
Maud of Shenandoah,
When the hush of evening came,
And the fire-lit his flame
By the cottage door.

Thou wast all too dear to me,
Maud of Shenandoah,
And the angels took thee home,
Leaving me alone to roam—
Forevermore!

Though my lonely heart now wakes
The vesper song no more;
Heavenly music greets thee now,
Heavenly vesper kiss thy brow—
My Maud of Shenandoah.

Holy visions round me come,
When the stars shine o'er,
And for me I see thee wait
At the far-off golden gate,
Maud of Shenandoah!

We shall meet, and we shall love,
When time shall be no more,
In that better world above
Where the angels live and love—
Maud of Shenandoah!

The New Revenue Laws.
As an item of interest to our city
readers, we publish the following syn-
opsis of the new State revenue law, ap-
plicable to cities of over 2,000 inhabi-
tants:

Merchants Tax.—Merchants are re-
quired to pay on amount purchased
on the following basis: \$1,000, tax
\$5; \$2,000, tax \$10; over \$2,000 and
less than \$50,000, tax 40 cents on the
\$100; over \$50,000 and less than \$80,
30 cents on the \$100; over \$80,000
and less than \$100,000, tax 20 cents on
the \$100. This tax, imposed under
and by virtue of this section shall be
in lieu of all tax for State purposes on
the capital actually employed in said
business. Merchant tailors, hatters,
merchants, butchers, green grocers,
hucksters, dealers in coal, ice or wood
shall be embraced in this section.

Liquor merchants are taxed as fol-
lows: Wholesale or wholesale and re-
tail dealers, specific tax \$250, and also
additional on amount sales graduated
as follows: Under \$1,000, tax \$10;
over \$1,000 and less than \$1,500, \$24;
over \$1,500 and less than \$2,000, \$32;
over \$2,000 and less than \$5,000, \$48;
over \$5,000 and less than \$10,000, \$76;
over \$10,000 and less than \$15,000, \$96;
over \$15,000 and less than \$20,000, \$112;
over \$20,000 and less than \$30,000, \$140;
over \$30,000 and less than \$50,000, \$224.
Retail dealers tax \$100. Privilege of
selling less than five gallons, but not to
be drunk where sold.

Ordinaries, specific tax \$100, and an
additional tax of 8 per centum on the
annual rent in excess of \$100 and un-
der \$1,000; over \$1,000 and less than
\$2,000, 5 per cent; and 3 per cent in
excess of \$2,000. The law requiring
24 per cent tax on sales of ordinaries
and retail dealers has been repealed.

Commission merchants specific tax
\$50, if commission on each \$1,000 of
tax \$50, and \$10 for each \$1,000 in ex-
cess of \$2,000.

Sum to merchants \$100, license to
run one year from date of issue.

Land agents specific tax \$50 and
one-fourth of one per cent on sales.

Book agents specific tax \$10.

General Auctioneers specific tax \$50
in towns of over 5,000 inhabitants, and
\$25 on each town of over 5,000.

Real estate auctioneers specific tax
\$100 and one-fourth of one per cent on
amount sales, and an additional tax of
\$50 for the privilege of negotiating
loans upon real estate.

Tobacco auctioneers, specific tax \$50;
common criers, specific tax \$10; re-
tail tobacco, specific tax \$10; cigar,
specific tax \$5; stock brokers, specific
tax \$250; private bankers, specific tax
\$50 on a capital of \$5,000 or under; from
\$5,000 to \$10,000, \$100; from \$10,000 to
\$20,000, \$150; from \$20,000 or upwards,
\$250; pawnbrokers, specific tax \$50;
manufacturers' and dealers' licenses, 25c;
mercantile brokers, specific tax \$250; board-
ing houses, specific tax, 5c and 1 per
cent on annual rent over 100; (five per
cent constitute a boarding house.)

Bowling saloons, specific tax, 25c, and
additional tax on each alley exceed-
ing one; billiard saloons, specific tax,
50c, and 25c for each additional table
exceeding one; bugle tables, specific
tax, 10c, and 5c for each additional table
exceeding one; theatres, specific tax, 3c
each performance, and 1 per cent on
gross receipts; public rooms, specific
tax, 25c; attorneys at law, who have
been licensed less than five years, 45c;
more than five years, 25c; physicians,
surgeons, and dentists, specific tax,
10c, on those licensed less than five
years; more than five, 15c; daguerrian
artists, specific tax, 40c; agents for
renting houses, specific tax, 30c; storage
and impounding, specific tax, 30c on
each house, 40c on each lot 10, livery
stables, specific tax, 25c, and addi-
tional tax of 50 cents on each stall;
sale of horses, mules, cattle, &c.,
specific tax, 25c.

Persons applying for license as a re-
tail dealer, and also keeper of an
ordinary may obtain both licenses for
\$150. Separately they are 100 a piece.

(Cincinnati Times.)

An Awful Little Girl.

There was once an awful little girl,
who had an awful way of saying
"awful" to everything. She lived in
an awful house, in an awful street, in
an awful village, which was an awful
distance from every other awful place.
She went to an awful school, where
she had an awful teacher, who gave
her awful lessons, out of awful books.
Every day she was an awful hungry
girl, and she ate an awful amount of food,
so that she looked awful healthy. Her
hair was awful small, and her feet were
awful large. She went to an awful
church, and her minister was an awful
preacher. When she took an awful
walk, she climbed awful hills, and
when she got awful tired, she sat down
under an awful tree to rest herself. In
summer she found the weather awful
hot, and in winter awful cold. When
it didn't rain there was an awful
drouth, and when an awful drouth
was over there was an awful rain. So
that this awful girl was all the time in
an awful state, and if she does not get
over saying "awful" about everything,
she will, by-and-by, come to an awful
end. And this awful little girl lives
in this awful city.

CONGRESS.

Opening of the Court of Im-
peachment.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—There was
unusual activity in the chamber this
morning, preparing for the impeach-
ment trial of W. W. Belknap, late
Secretary of War. In the area in
front of the presiding officers' tables
were placed for the counsel of Belknap
and for the managers on the part of
the House. In the space in the rear
of the Senators, seats and chairs were
placed for the members of the House.
When the Senate was called to order,
there was not a seat to be obtained in
the galleries. A large number of the
gentlemen, on the left of the diplo-
matic gallery, was reserved for ladies,
in addition to the regular gallery. A
large majority of the audiences was
composed of ladies.

After the journal of Thursday's pro-
ceedings had been read, various peti-
tions and memorials were presented,
but at 12:30, legislative business was
suspended and the Senate proceeded
to the consideration of the articles of
impeachment. After the proclama-
tion by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Chief
Justice Waite administered the oath to
Senators Allison, Burnside, Chris-
tiani, Dennis, Conkling, Caperton,
Goldsmith, Howe, Jones, of Nev-
ada, Morrill, of Maine, Ransom and
Holmes. The Senate then proceeded
when the other Senators were sworn a
few days ago. Senators Alcorn, John-
ston, of Virginia, English, Patterson
and Wadsworth were not present to take
the oath. The Secretary was ordered
to notify the House that the Senate
was ready to proceed with the trial,
and that seats had been provided for
the members.

At 12:55, ex-Secretary Belknap with
his counsel, Messrs. Carpenter, Black
and his counsel, proceeded to the
table provided for them. The Sec-
retary was leaning on the arm of
Mr. Carpenter, and took the seat be-
tween him and Judge Black. He ap-
peared very nervous and began read-
ing, but soon dropped the pamphlet
and conversed with his counsel.

The managers of the impeachment
and the members of the House ap-
peared at 1 o'clock, but a quarter of an
hour had almost elapsed before all
were seated, when the minutes of the
session of the Senate as a Court of Im-
peachment, held on the 4th inst., were
read. The return on the writ served
upon the ex-Secretary having been
read, and the Sergeant-at-Arms hav-
ing called upon him to answer, Mr.
Carpenter read and had finished a plea
denying the jurisdiction of the Senate
to try Belknap on the articles of im-
peachment, as he was not an officer
of the United States at the time such
articles were found and pre-
sented to the Senate; that he has not
since been a citizen of any of the
United States, but was, and is, a pri-
vate citizen of the United States and
of the State of Iowa.

Mr. Lord, on the part of the man-
agers, asked that time be allowed them
until the 15th inst., to consider what
reply should be made to the plea of
Belknap, and it was so ordered.

The managers and counsel for the
accused having, in reply to the ques-
tion, asked that the President pro tem-
pore, until they had time to consider
what reply they should make to the
plea, the Senate, sitting as a court of
impeachment, adjourned until Wed-
nesday next, and resumed considera-
tion of legislative business.

Assessment of Bonds, Stocks, &c.

The following is an extract from the
State assessment law, concerning the
listing of real and personal property in
bonds, notes, and other evidences of
debt:

On Personal Property in Choses in
action, Money, Credits and Capital.

Assessment of personal property in
bonds, notes and other evidences of
debt:

The Commissioner shall require
each person residing in his district,
city, or town, to exhibit and make
return of all bonds, notes, and other
evidences of debt, due and pay-
able to such persons, in excess of one
hundred dollars, the amounts of such
bonds, notes, and other evidences of
debt under one hundred dollars, each
to be given under oath in the ag-
gregate, the solvency of which in
cases of doubt, as well as the value
thereof, shall be determined by the
said Commissioner, which said list
shall be signed by the Commissioner
and filed with the tax-payer, includ-
ing bonds due from railroads, canal
companies, bonds of counties,
cities and towns, and bonds of other
States and corporations, demands and
claims, however evidenced, owing or
claiming to persons, whether due or
not, or debtors, residing or owning
within this State or country, whether
secured by deed of trust or by judg-
ment or not, deducting from the ag-
gregate amount thereof, all such bonds
or claims, or claims, not otherwise dis-
cussed, owing to others from such
person as principal debtor, and not as
guarantor, endorser or security. The
aggregate of principal, interest and
exchange shall constitute the amount
of a bond, demand or claim due and
payable, and shall be included in the
return; and when the bond, de-
mand, or claim bears no interest, shall
constitute the amount of a bond, de-
mand or claim not yet due and pay-
able. But no bond, demand, or claim
constituting a part of the capital, as
defined in this act, of a business done
out of this State, shall be included in
this section; and it shall be the duty
of all Clerks of Courts to furnish Com-
missioners with a list of all evidences
of debt under the control of the
Court, receivers or of the Commis-
sioners, as evidenced by decrees of
their Courts.

Penalty on persons failing to give in
to the Commissioner lists of bonds,
notes, claims, &c.

If any person shall, with a view to
evade the payment of taxes, fail or re-
fuse to give in to the Commissioner of
the Revenue, any bonds, notes, claims
or evidences of debt, which are subject
to assessment and taxation under this
act, the same shall not be recoverable
by action of law or suit in equity, be-
fore any of the courts of this Com-
monwealth, legal process, or sale un-
der deed of trust, until they have been
listed and the tax paid thereon, with
an addition of 50 per centum per an-

num from the time the tax accrued;
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mond on Saturday afternoons, reach
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tors while they are in Philadelphia,
and the entire cost of board and trip,
where the party numbers 200, will be
about thirty-five dollars, or forty dol-
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INCREDULITY.

How potent is this trait of human mind.
The Bible refers to it and says: "Were an
angel to come down from heaven, ye would
not believe." It is the cause of much in-
jury. We are disposed to doubt the sincer-
ity of our best friends; and so far as it is in-
duced, that it often leads to misanthropy.
This is particularly applicable to the vir-
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